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U. S. Likely to Send Delegates to Hague Parley

U. S. EAGER TO JOIN ALLIES IN DISCUSSING RUSSIAN SITUATION AT THE HAGUE

America's Only Stipulation Is That Politics Be Dropped From Conference.

RUSSIA TO ATTEND.

Soviet Delegates Announce They Will Take Part in Meeting on June 26.

By David Lawrence.
(Special Correspondent of The Evening World.)

WASHINGTON, May 17 (Copy-right).—Although on the surface it may seem as if the United States again has refused to co-operate with European powers, the truth is the Government here is not only ready but anxious to participate in a conference on Russian affairs.

From the White House itself comes the information that the American Government stands ready to-day to send a representative to The Hague or anywhere else to discuss the Russian question and that if the powers will modify their proposal so as to remove features objectionable to this country, American co-operation can be assured.

President Harding feels that the door is open for American help and wants it clearly understood. The Department of State significantly enough went into details to-day in explaining what appeared to be a discrepancy between the informal statements of Ambassador Child in Genoa and the action of the American Government in declining the invitation to The Hague conference.

Cablegrams have reported the British public as amazed at the American refusal because Ambassador Child was reported as having promised American co-operation. The truth of the case is that when the powers approached Ambassador Child they told him the plan was to form a committee to study the Russian question. Mr. Child asked the Department of State what would be its attitude and received a reply telling him the Government here was sympathetic with the proposal and to send more information.

Before he could do so the invitation of the powers with the specific proposals concerning The Hague Conference were cabled. This, of course, looked merely like a shifting of the Genoa Conference itself to The Hague, and again the American Government felt that it would be involving itself in political controversies.

But both President Harding and Secretary Hughes believe much can be accomplished if the Russian question is treated as an economic matter and if the Russians will respect private rights and property and thus afford a basis for economic dealings with other nations. The American reply is intended as a piece of moral suasion. It is hoped that the Russians will be able to persuade the Americans that the giving of American help will be seriously considered in Washington just as soon as an economic basis can be achieved which

FRANCE NOW READY TO TAKE UP DEBT OWED TO AMERICA

Special Commission to Come Here to Arrange Payment, Paris Announces.

PARIS, May 17 (Associated Press).—The French Government has informed the American War Debt Funding Commission that it is ready to send a special mission to America to confer regarding the payment of the French debt to the United States.

Finance Minister de Lasteyrie recommended to the Cabinet to-day that a special mission, headed by Jean Parmentier, Administrator of the Ministry of Finance, be sent to the United States to confer with the Debt Funding Commission over the payment of the principal and interest of the American war advances to France. Premier Poincaré accordingly handed a note to Ambassador Herrick to this effect.

Mr. Parmentier is considered the best equipped man in the Ministry for such negotiations, he having had similar experience during and since the war. He will, it is stated, make a full and frank statement of the situation of France's finances and then ask the Debt Funding Commission for a specific declaration of what it expects from France.

The French budget for 1923 makes no provision for the payment of either interest or capital on the French debt to the United States.

TO CHEAPEN PRICE OF GASOLINE DON'T USE IT; LET CAR REST

If Million Pleasure Auto Owners Do This Cost of Gas Will Take a Drop.

(Special From a Staff Correspondent of The Evening World.)
DANIELSON, Conn., May 17.—John B. Beasette of this city has an idea that will appeal to thousands of automobilists, whether they have the courage to adopt it or not. The idea is a State-wide, Nation-wide if possible, strike of motorists against the steadily advancing retail price of gasoline.

It is all very simple. Put your car in the garage and leave it there for a month. If that does not bring results, leave it there for another month. If the upward of \$9,000,000 pleasure car owners in the United States would do this for thirty to ninety days, Mr. Beasette believes that a real dent would be made in the present retail price of gasoline, of which there is a record amount in reserve—upward of \$84,000,000 gallons.

FRANCE AND U. S. NEAR AGREEMENT ON SYRIA MANDATE

American Conditions Will Be Met, League Delegates Learn.

GENEVA, May 17 (By the Associated Press).—The United States and France are about to reach an agreement on the French Mandate for Syria, according to information reaching the Secretariat of the League of Nations. It is understood the American Government's approval is subject to certain conditions, which apparently will be met.

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PLOT TO TRIM CITY ON GRANT PORTRAIT; IS ALDERMAN IN IT?

Offered to Estimate Board for \$5,250. It Is Purchased For \$500.

OWNER SPOILS PLOT

Phoned by Some One Who Asked Bill of Sale for \$3,500 on Payment of \$500.

There was a real sensation at today's meeting of the Board of Estimate when it was learned that an Alderman with a get-rich-quick-Wallingford ambition figured in a scheme to buy a portrait of Gen. Grant for \$500 and sell it to the city for over \$5,000.

Mrs. Laura G. Cogswell, who claimed to represent Capt. Christian S. Juell, a wealthy Brooklynite living at No. 3418 Bedford Avenue, appeared before the board and announced that the Captain owned a very fine portrait of Gen. Grant painted by Hanson Wallin, Norwegian artist, who was a Colonel under Grant, and that the city could have it for \$5,250.

It was a question by Mayor Hylan that revealed the price Mrs. Cogswell wanted for the picture. She repeated that she desired to inform your honorable board that my price to sell the picture to the city.

Capt. Juell dramatically stepped forward as the \$5,250 figure was mentioned by Mrs. Cogswell. He was angry and he showed his feelings. "I am the owner of the picture in question," he announced with great emphasis "and I desire to inform your honorable board that my price to sell the picture to the city is only \$500."

Asked to explain the \$5,250 figure, Capt. Juell said he had been annoyed by "several persons." One man had called him on the phone several times, saying he wanted to buy the picture for the city. He said this man offered him the \$500, but insisted upon getting a bill of sale from him for \$5,000.

Capt. Juell then told of a man who had tried several times to get possession of the portrait. According to Capt. Juell, this man referred to his "Alderman-lawyer friend."

Capt. Juell explained that the lady who offered to sell the picture for \$5,250 a few minutes before he arrived did not represent him. He said he had not authorized her to negotiate for the sale of the painting with any one.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "this woman tried to buy the picture from my wife the other day for \$500. Mrs. Cogswell protested that Capt. Juell had authorized her to sell the picture and the Captain in turn denied it."

On motion of Comptroller Craig the picture was purchased for \$500, subject to the approval of the Art Commission.

President Hubert declared after the meeting that he will probe the accusation against the Alderman and lay bare the identity of that official. He had introduced a motion to that effect at the meeting, but it was howled down.

"I am going to consult Vice-Chairman Collins as soon as possible," said Mr. Hubert, "with a view of having the General Welfare Committee of the board conduct an inquiry into Capt. Juell's accusations. The name of the Alderman alleged to have figured in the picture deal should be laid bare. There should be no whitewash."

350 POLICEMEN BESIEGE ENTIRE CITY BLOCK ALL NIGHT; TRAP FOUR YEGGS; ONE SHOT

Intended to Take Gang "Red Handed" as They Tried to Get \$120,000 in Fifth Avenue Store.

More Than 300 Police Bar Every Exit All Night—Four Men Cornered at Daylight—One Shot Four Times.

Three hundred policemen, in and out of uniform, moved swiftly and quietly last night at 10 o'clock in the block bounded by 19th Street, Broadway, 30th Street and Fifth Avenue and formed a ring which held rigidly until daylight came at 5 o'clock this morning. Through all that time detectives searched the buildings in the block for a band of burglars who were known to have gone inside with a full supply of explosives and the tools of their trade early last evening.

Outside the guard line of policemen camped a great army of the curious, eager to see the end of the hunt. In the nearby streets was a squadron of swift police automobiles and motorcycles, ready for a dash if the robbers made a desperate effort to break out of the net.

Those who waited were not disappointed. Just at dawn revolvers cracked inside the building at Fifth Avenue and 20th Street. There was a rush of the reserve squads held at the doors of the buildings. Deputy Chief Inspector Cahalane and his staff came running from the temporary headquarters he had established across the street and in a few minutes Acting Captain John Stapleton, head of the Safe and Loft Squad, who has five notable successful and spectacular conflicts with burglars in as many months, came out dragging four weebeegone prisoners.

ONE BURGLAR SHOT THREE TIMES IN LEG.
One of them, David Belitzer, of No. 54 Sheriff Street, had been shot three times through the legs. Two others, Abraham Finkel, of No. 175 Madison Street, and Louis Rubin, alias David Rick of No. 1200 East New York Avenue, Brooklyn, were bruised after sliding down the steel hoist ropes of an elevator, five stories; the other was Henri Van Gulick of No. 318 South Fourth Street, Brooklyn.

Magistrate Nolan in Yorkville Court later held the four in \$10,000 bail each for an examination Friday. Two weeks ago Stapleton, on information that Belitzer was planning something big, put Detectives John Forsy and Henry Hoffman to watching day and night. They were soon satisfied that he was recruiting a band fit for a bold adventure.

Last night they followed him to Broadway and 20th Street and saw him carry a bundle into No. 301 Broadway and come out without it. They notified Stapleton, who came on the run with Detectives Reilly, Morrisey, Dwyer and Brownworth. They were in time to see Belitzer and three others go into the building just before it was locked up for the night.

Two of them were recognized. Finkel, also known to the police as Asch and Funke, was sentenced to Elmira in 1915 for receiving stolen goods and to Sing Sing in 1919 for having burglars' tools and a revolver. Van Gulick, also known as "Dutch Berger," has served a term in Snake Hill Penitentiary in New Jersey and was sent to Sing Sing in 1914, and again in 1917, for burglary. He was released only three months ago and a warrant charging him with violation of the law.

"Do you know the name of the Alderman who figured in the transaction?" he was asked.

"I can't recall," he replied, "but I do know that he was one of the 'big Aldermen,' not one of the little fellows."

THE WORLD TRAVEL BUREAU.
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STILLMAN CASE CLOSED, GOES TO REFEREE TOMORROW

"Baby" Guy's Counsel and Wife's Lawyers Confident of Outcome.

At a conference between Mrs. Anne U. Potter Stillman, John F. Brennan, of her counsel, and Judge John E. Mack, counsel for the infant, Guy Stillman, whose parentage has been disowned by James A. Stillman, it was decided to-day to submit the case of Mrs. Stillman to the referee to-morrow. The conference was at the home of Mr. Brennan and was marked by the confidence of all present in a favorable outcome of the case for Mrs. Stillman.

Mr. Brennan said he did not feel that his client's interests had been hurt by the introduction of the letters said to have been bought from Fred Beauvais, the half-breed co-respondent. Mrs. Stillman said on the witness stand the handwriting looked like hers, but asserted she had written none of the letters.

Mr. Brennan said he would ask the referee for ten days in which to submit a brief. Attorneys for Mr. Stillman will then have five days for an answering brief, and Mr. Brennan will have three days in which to comment on the answer.

There will be no limit on the time which the referee can take to reach a decision, which must go to justice Morschauer for final action at his convenience. Whatever the result, there is almost certain to be an appeal to the Appellate Division in Brooklyn and the Court of Appeals, it was said.

BOY SEEING FRIENDS OFF NOW ON WAY TO EUROPE

Brooklyn Lad Says too Long on Rotterdam.

Wymon Seidenbord, sixteen, of No. 183 Wilton Street, Brooklyn, went to Hoboken Monday to bid goodbye to two friends sailing for Holland on the Rotterdam.

Miss Isabelle Seidenbord, his sister, reported him missing to-day, and Detective George McConor of the Missing Persons Bureau was assigned to the case. O'Connor went to Hoboken and then he sent a wireless. From the Rotterdam came the reply:

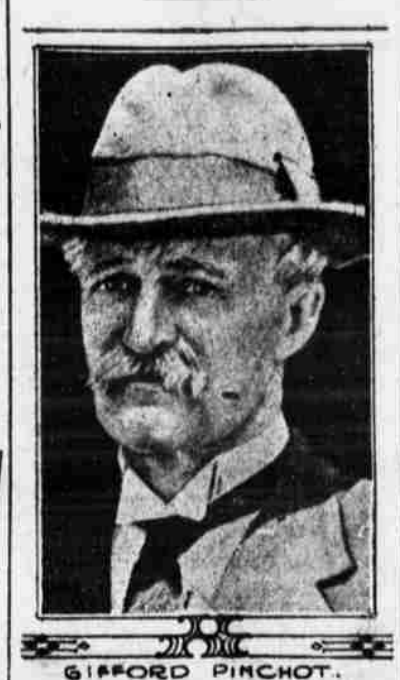
"Hyman safe. Stayed too long aboard at pier." He'll return when the vessel does.

FLIES FROM JERSEY WITH VEGETABLES TO SELL IN BOSTON

Trip to Demonstrate Produce Can Be Delivered Same Day.

Mineola, L. I., May 17.—A Fokker monoplane carrying 1,000 pounds of asparagus arrived here at noon to-day from Mullica Hill, Gloucester County, N. J., took on gasoline and started half an hour later for Framingham Field, in the outskirts of Boston. William N. De Wald was pilot. He started his flight at 10:35 this morning.

APPARENT WINNER FOR GOVERNOR IN PENNA. PRIMARY



COUPLE HELD UP IN AUTO IN JERSEY, ROBBED OF \$5,080

Armed Pair Halt Silk Manufacturer's Car, Get Jewels and Cash.

Nathan Drachman, a silk manufacturer of No. 805 Fairmont Place, the Bronx, was returning early to-day with Mrs. Drachman from the wedding of his brother-in-law, Joseph Goldberg, at Paterson. Mr. Drachman was driving his automobile. Near Rochelle Park on the Paterson-Hackensack Road a big machine drew alongside, grazing his mud guards.

"Stop!" a man at the wheel commanded. Mr. Drachman was preparing to step on his accelerator when the other driver turned out his front wheels and forced Mr. Drachman to the side of the road. A tall man wearing a mask and holding a pistol jumped to the road.

"Do as you're told and stop," he said, holding the revolver menacingly. The driver of the car joined him and took the pistol. They apparently knew the Drachmans were jewelry, for they asked for certain pieces Mrs. Drachman wore.

"Now give us your valuables," ordered the masked man. They took from the couple two diamond rings valued at \$3,500, a brooch worth \$800, a \$500 pearl necklace, a \$200 watch and a wallet containing \$800—altogether \$5,080.

"Now keep going," they commanded as they stepped into their own car, "and don't tell the police."

But Mr. Drachman reported the robbery at Hackensack. The New Jersey police hastening out on motorcycles could find no trace of the robbers.

Mr. Drachman had only 12 cents when he reached the ferry and had to borrow a quarter to get his car away to New York.

MAN, 2,000 CHICKS KILLED IN WRECK
New York Central Tied Up Two Hours at Peekskill.
PEEKSKILL, May 17.—One man was killed, about 2,000 chickens also were probably killed and all through traffic on the New York Central Railroad was tied up for about two hours and a half to-day when a freight train crashed into another freight train on the curve just north of the station in the heart of Peekskill.

PINCHOT, LIKE BEVERIDGE, BEATS THE G.O.P. OLD GUARD; APPEARS TO WIN BY 20,000

PRESIDENT INVITES LEADING STEEL MEN TO DINE WITH HIM

Farrell, Schwab, Grace, Corey and Topping Among Those Who Are Expected.

It was learned to-day in Wall Street that President Harding has invited from thirty to forty of the leading steel men of the country to dine with him at the White House to-morrow night.

Among those invited are E. H. Gary, Chairman of the Board of the U. S. Steel Corporation; James A. Farrell, President of the Steel Corporation; Charles M. Schwab and Eugene G. Grace, respectively Chairman of the Board and President of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation; William E. Corey, head of the Midvale Steel Company; John A. Topping, President of the Republic Iron and Steel Company; J. Leonard Replogle, head of the Republic Steel Company, and L. E. Block.

The purpose of the meeting was not disclosed in the invitation sent out, and the object of the conference has created profound interest in the financial district.

Very recently the President sent out invitations to the leading railroad executives of the country to have dinner with him at the White House next Saturday night. It has been understood that the latter dinner is for the purpose of acquainting the rail men with the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the matter of freight rate reductions.

TALMADGE DIVORCE SUIT NOT TO BE CONTESTED

Plagiou to File Merely Denial of Constancy's Charges.

LOS ANGELES, May 17.—John I. Plagiou, Greek tobacco importer and cigarette manufacturer of New York, will not contest the divorce action filed against him here, May 9, by Constancy Talmadge, motion picture actress, his counsel announced yesterday.

"We shall not contest the action in any manner," said George C. Hupp, "We do not intend to file an answer nor a cross complaint. If anything at all is filed, it will be merely a general denial of Mrs. Plagiou's charges."

Hupp said a property settlement had been made out of court, but that he was not at liberty to discuss its provisions. Miss Talmadge charged Plagiou with cruel and inhuman treatment.

RUBBER TONGUE ENABLES HIM TO TALK AND SING

Wounded French Veteran Regains Speech Through Hospital Surgery.

PARIS, May 17.—Sergt. Violla, Verdun wounded war veteran, in the Val de Grace Hospital, lost his lower jaw in the war and it was reconstructed with a complete set of teeth. When the surgeons had finished this job there was only the base of the tongue left, and Dr. Eugene Quenouille set to work to fix up a rubber tongue and palate.

Victory of Progressive Conceded by Secretaries of State Republican Campaign Committees.

Two Congressmen and Three Legislators of Old Guard Lose — Pepper Wins by About 200,000.

PHILADELPHIA, May 17.—Gifford Pinchot "has apparently won the Republican nomination for Governor on the face of the unofficial returns," W. Harry Baker, Secretary of the State Republican Committee, declared in a statement issued this afternoon.

"Unless Allegheny County gives a larger majority than my advices indicate, then there is no doubt that Pinchot carried the State, the statement said.

"The result in Philadelphia and other parts of the State has undoubtedly contributed to the Pinchot victory," which I am prepared to concede," Mr. Baker concluded.

Predictions made by Mr. Baker last night placed the majority for Attorney General Allen in Allegheny County, which includes Pittsburgh, at 60,000 to 65,000, but late returns to-day indicated that such a figure would not be reached.

"Reports that we have up to this minute indicate that Pinchot has won by about 20,000," Frank W. Short, Secretary of the Allen Campaign Committee of Pennsylvania, declared this afternoon.

Mr. Pinchot issued this statement: "I want to express my deepest and kindest thanks to the Republican men and women who have given me their confidence. There are two things I want to do. The first is to make such a Republican candidate for Governor as every Republican voter can cheerfully support in the election this fall. The second is to make a Governor who will be good for the party and useful to the State."

"With the firm determination to carry out in letter and in spirit every pledge made during the campaign, with no grudges to satisfy, no enemies to punish, and with the support of a united party, I shall approach the great task ahead with strong confidence that it can be, and will be, carried through to the credit of the Republican Party and the advantage of all the people of Pennsylvania."

Returns from 6,175 of the 7,934 districts in the State received shortly after Secretary Baker made his announcement had reduced Mr. Allen's majority to 11,694. The vote in the new Twentieth district, where Mr. Allen carried, was 418,890; Pinchot, 431,694.

At the same time the majority of Senator George Wharton Pepper for the Republican nomination for the unexpired Penrose term was slowly rising. He was supported by both the Allen and Pinchot followers. Returns from 5,371 districts out of 7,934 gave him a majority of 192,899 over Congressman-at-Large W. J. Burke. The figures were, Pepper, 448,293; Burke, 255,393. Burke had the support of organized labor and many members of the American Legion.

Unofficial returns indicate that at least two Republican Congressmen failed of nomination. In the Eleventh District, under the Apportionment Act, L. S. Watres was apparently defeated Charles R. Connell, and G. M. Wertz is apparently ahead of Congressman-at-Large A. H. E. Walters in the new Twentieth District. Congressman Focht is having a hard fight for re-nomination in the Eighteenth District. Pennsylvania's next Legislature will have at least four, and possibly more, women members. In Philadelphia three women won the nominations on the Republican ticket for the State House of Representatives. The nomination is considered equivalent to election. The women are Mrs. Martha G. Speiser, 1st District; Mrs. Rose De Young, 11th, and Mrs. Lily H. Plitt, 21st. In Pittsburgh Miss Helen Grimes was nominated from the Knoxville District. This will be the